THE "HOME-COMING" SHIP: A VIEW OF THE NEW ROYAL YACHT *BRITANNIA*.

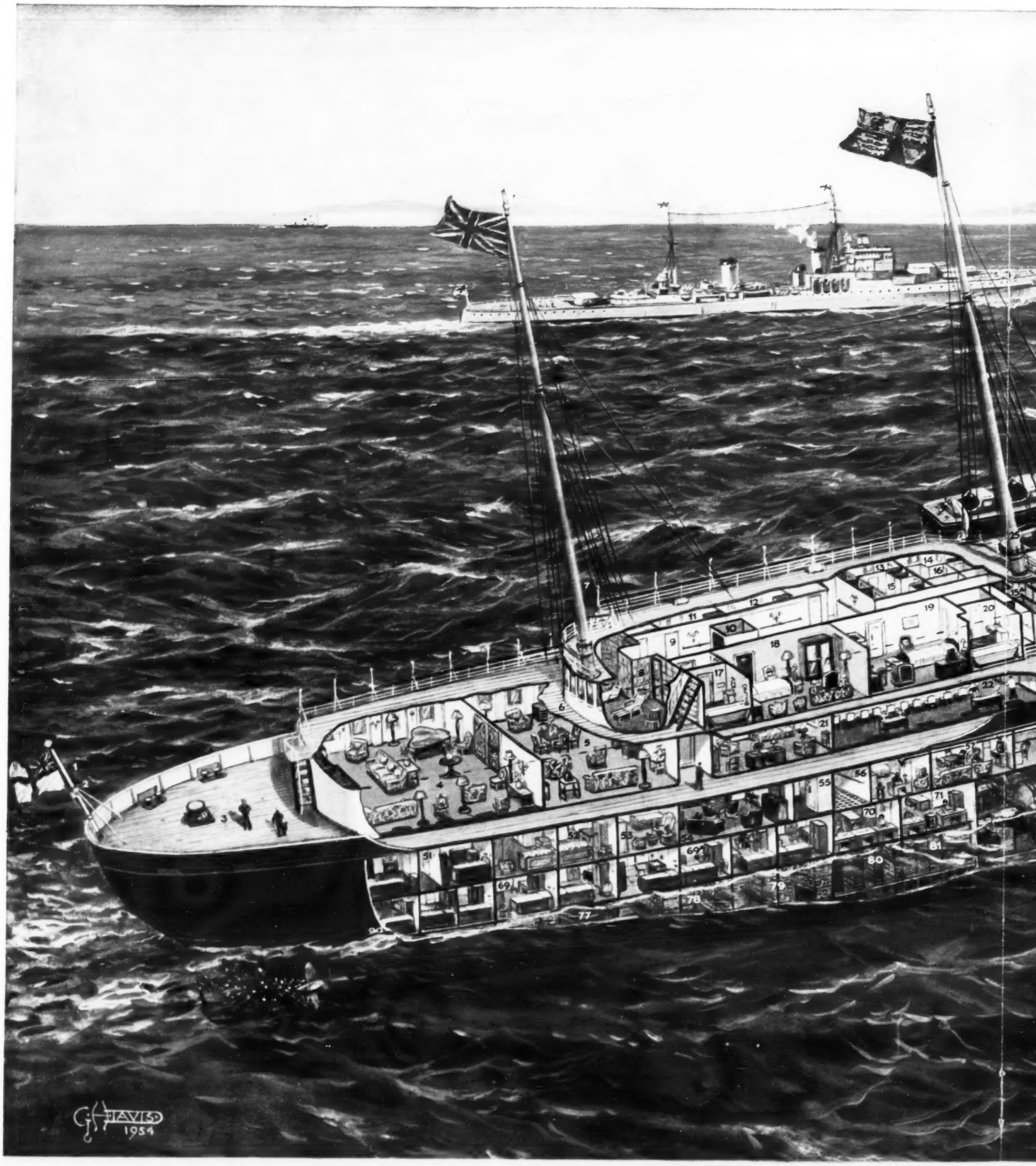
THE arrangements for the maiden voyage of the Royal yacht *Britannia* (whose internal layout is diagrammatically illustrated and explained on other pages) were of exceptional interest. She was due to sail from Portsmouth on April 14, with, aboard her, the Duke of Cornwall, Heir-Apparent to the Throne, and his sister, Princess Anne, so that they might meet her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh at Tobruk on May 1, and travel with them during the final stage of the Commonwealth tour. A playroom has been built for the Royal children on the top deck of *Britannia*. She carries a small helicopter; and helicopter trials were carried out on board her in February before she went into Portsmouth Dockyard for the completion of the Royal apartments, whose decoration has been designed by Sir Hugh Casson, with severe simplicity in high-quality materials.

**THE QUEEN, GRACEFUL IN INFORMAL DRESS FOR AN UNOFFICIAL OCCASION IN AUSTRALIA: HER MAJESTY WITH THE DUKE DURING A RESTFUL WEEK-END.**

Australia will cherish its memories of the historic visit of Queen Elizabeth II. and the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Royal pair will surely retain the happiest recollections of the tremendous expressions of love and loyalty which greeted them on the many State and official occasions of the great programme. They will also recall with pleasure such occasions as the restful week-end which they passed from March 6-8 at the Lake O'Shannassy Chalet, Warburton. The Chalet is a timber-framed lodge maintained by the Board of Works and lies in a wooded valley. The grounds were ablaze with flowers during the Royal visit; there were trout in the weir, and the surrounding bush contained kookaburras, lyrebirds and wombats, all examples of Australia's fauna.

THE QUEEN, STATELY IN FULL DRESS FOR AN OFFICIAL OCCASION IN AUSTRALIA: HER MAJESTY WITH THE DUKE AFTER OPENING PARLIAMENT IN HOBART.

The youth and beauty of the Queen and her Royal grace, charm and friendliness made an unforgettable impression on her peoples of the vast continent of Australia. Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the island of Tasmania (first settled by the British in 1803, and granted responsible Government in 1856) from February 20-24; and our photograph shows the Royal pair leaving Parliament House, Hobart, after the Queen had opened the fifth session of the 30th Parliament of Tasmania. Her Majesty is wearing a graceful white dress of thin corded silk, with a waterfall effect on one side, and the ribbon and star of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, of which she is Sovereign. Her jewels are a diamond tiara and necklace, and she has a fur stole over her shoulders. The Duke of Edinburgh is in the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet.




ON April 14, a year after she was launched by H.M. the Queen from the Clydebank shipyard of John Brown and Co., the Royal yacht *Britannia* was scheduled to sail on her maiden voyage from Portsmouth to Tobruk, in Libya, *via* Malta. The Duke of Cornwall and Princess Anne arranged to be on board so that they could be with their parents on the final stages of the Royal tour. *Britannia*, which was built to replace the fifty-year-old *Victoria and Albert*, has a load displacement of 4000 tons; her overall length is 413 ft., her beam 55 ft. and her cruising speed is 21 knots. When her Majesty is on board the Royal Standard will be flown at the Main, the flag of the Lord High Admiral at the Fore, and the Union Flag at the Mizzen. Arrangements have been made that, in time of war, the yacht can be easily converted into a hospital ship. In 1682 a first-rater of 1703 tons was built at Chatham and named *Britannia*. Since then

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KEY TO H.M. YACHT

BRIDGE, SHELTER AND UPPER DECKS.

1. Ensign Staff.
2. Anchor Light.
3. Quarterdeck.
4. Drawing-room.
5. Ante-room.
6. Sun Deck.
7. Mizzen Mast.
8. Verandah.
9. Royal Corridor.
10. Lift Shaft.
11 and 12. Royal Guests' Bedrooms and Bathrooms.
13 and 14. Maids' Rooms.
15 and 15A. Wardrobe Rooms.
16. Pantry, etc.
17. Queen's Bathroom.
18. Queen's Bedroom.
19. Duke of Edinburgh's Bedroom.
20. Duke of Edinburgh's Bathroom.
21. Queen's Sitting-Room.
22. Dining Room.
23. Servery and Scullery.
24. Valets' Bedrooms.
25. Mainmast.
26. 35-ft. Motor-boat (port).
27. Dinghy (stowed on deck).
28. Casing.
29. Royal Barge (starboard).
30. Dinghy (starboard).
31. 32-ft. Motor Cutter (starboard).
32. Motor Dinghy (starboard).
33. Fan Casing.
34. 35-ft. Motor-Boat (port).
35. Motor Dinghy (port).
36. 27-ft. Motor Sea Boat (starboard).
37. 27-ft. Motor Sea Boat (port).
38. Whip Aerials.
39. Foremast.
40. Radar Scanner.
41. Compass Platform.
42. Wing Bridge.
43. Officers' Sea Quarters.
44. Position of Office Galley.
45. Position of Ward
46. Position of O Cabins.
47. Position of Royal House.
48. Accommodation La (stowed).
49. Anchor Cables an stans.
50. Jackstaff.

MAIN DECK

51. Staff Cabins.
52. Royal Household C
53. Lady Guests' Cabin

HER MAJESTY'S YACHT *BRITANNIA*: A DIAGRAMMATIC DRAWING SHOWING THE INTERNAL LAY-OUT

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CHT *BRITANNIA.*

Officers'
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hold Cabins.
' Cabins.

54. Gentlemen of the Royal Household Smoking Room.
55. Cloakroom.
56. Lower Entrance.
57. Suite consisting of Sitting-Room and two Bedrooms.
58. Cabins.
59. Maids' Sitting-Room.
60. Air-conditioning Plant.
61. Medical Officers' Consulting Room.
62. Sick Bay and Operating Theatre.
63. Bathrooms.
64. Laundry.
65. C.P.O.s' Cabins.
66. P.O.s' Recreation Space.
67. Store.
68. Shipwright's Workshop.

LOWER DECK

69 and 69A. Staff Cabins.
70. Royal Clerks' Office.
71. Clerks' Office.
72. Main Turbine Engine Rooms.
73. Boiler Rooms.
74. Showers.
75. Seamen's Mess.
75A. Stokers' Mess.
76. Recreation Space.

PLATFORM DECK

77. Baggage Rooms.
78. Linen Stores.
79. Blanket Stores.
80. Wine Stores.
81. China Stores.
82. Auxiliary Machine Room.
83. Stabiliser Compartment and Starboard Stabiliser (inboard).
84. Engineers' Workshop.
85. Cold Rooms.
86. Store Rooms.
87. Starboard Propeller.
88. Fuel Tanks, etc.
89. Starboard Bilge Keel.
90. Waterline.

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there have been five other ships of the Royal Navy bearing that illustrious name, the last being a battleship of 16,350 tons, sunk by submarine off Cape Trafalgar two days before World War I. came to an end. *Britannia* was also the name of King George V.'s famous racing yacht. Until the present Royal yacht was commissioned last year the ship's book-name of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, was *Britannia*. Men dressed as seamen serving aboard the new Royal yacht are wearing special uniforms which follow the style of the rig in the Royal Navy at the beginning of the century. The style differs from that of the present-day in that the serge jumper is worn inside the trousers instead of outside. The nucleus of the lower deck complement of the yacht will ultimately be provided by the Royal Yacht Service, which has been revived. When the yacht is required for prolonged ocean cruises, additional men will be drafted to her as necessary.

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I.A., WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ADMIRALTY.

THE QUEEN'S DAUGHTER: H.R.H. PRINCESS ANNE.

The last stage of the historic Tour of the Commonwealth by her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh was planned as a Royal domestic reunion, for arrangements were made for H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall, Heir Apparent to the Throne, and his sister, H.R.H. Princess Anne, to leave Portsmouth in the *Britannia* on April 15 and sail in her during her maiden voyage to meet the Queen and the Duke at Tobruk; and remain with them during the last stage of the tour. Princess Anne was born on August 15, 1950.

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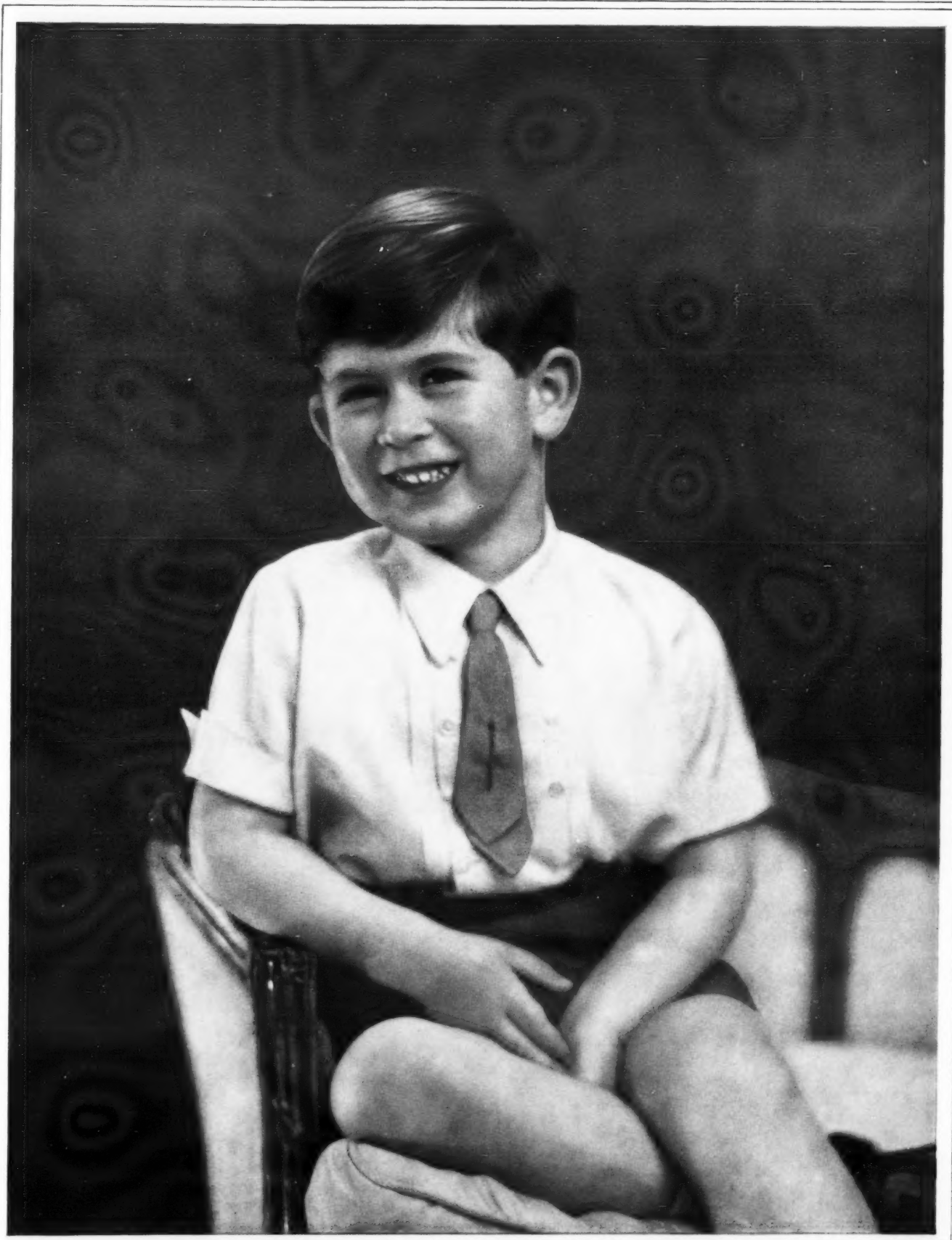

THE QUEEN'S SON: H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CORNWALL.

The long separation of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh from their children during the historic Tour of the Commonwealth was due to end on May 1, for arrangements were made for the Heir Apparent, H.R.H the Duke of Cornwall, and his sister, H.R.H. Princess Anne, to embark in the Royal yacht *Britannia* on her maiden voyage, rejoin her Majesty and the Duke at Tobruk on May 1, and sail with them on the final stage of the tour. The Duke of Cornwall was born on November 14, 1948; and is thus five-and-a-half years of age

*Colour photograph by Marcus Adams.*

## THE LAST PORT OF CALL ON THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH TOUR: GIBRALTAR.

This view of the British Crown colony of Gibraltar is well known to all who have made a voyage through the Mediterranean, and shows the outline of "The Rock," as seen from the deck of a passing vessel. Gibraltar, settled by the Moors in 711, was named after their chief, Djebel Tarik, "The Mountain of Tarik." In 1462 it was taken by the Spaniards, from Granada; and on August 3, 1704, Admiral Sir George Rooke captured it, and in 1713, by the Treaty of Utrecht, it was ceded to Great Britain. On her Majesty's arrival at her famous fortress, which commands the entrance to the Mediterranean (due on May 10), it was arranged that the Keys should be handed to her by the Governor-General, Sir Gordon Macmillan. The Royal tour of the Rock was scheduled to include visits to the fortifications and upper rock installations as well as inspection of the Rock Apes, and the Queen also arranged to plant trees in the Alameda Gardens in commemoration of her visit. [*Colour photograph by J. Allan Cash.*]